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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL GOB NUCLEAR CONTRACTS

1. NEW YORK TIMES JULY 6 CARRIED ARTICLE DATEDILED RIO WHICH SAID "IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY THAT BRAZIL AND FRANCE WERE EXPECTED TO SIGN ACCORDS SOON TO PROSPECT FOR URANIUM AND EXCHANGE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. YESTERDAY THE TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED A \$2.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE BY BRAZIL OF AFRENCH EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR REACTOR AND ADDITIONAL PACTS ARE EXPECTED...BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED SCIENTIFIC NATURE OF THE CONTRACT WITH FRANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE EXPERIMENTAL REACTOR, TO BE CALLED COBRA, AN ACRONYM FOR COOPERATION BRAZIL. THIS REACTOR IS TO BE USED IN RESEARCH FOR THE CONSTRUCT-

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ION OF A NEW TYPE OF FAST NEUTRON OR BREEDER REACTOR

NOTABLE FOR PRODUCING MORE FUEL THAN IT USES. THE REACTOR
IS EXPECTED TO REACH A COMMERCIAL PHASE BY 1985-90."

2. ADDRESSEE COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WE ARE AWARE
THAT BRAZIL AND FRANCE SIGNED A NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN 1974 BUT TIMES ARTICLE APPEARS TO REFER TO NEW
AGREEMENTS IN THE OFFING.

3. WASHINGTON POST OF JULY 8 INCIDENTALLY CARRIES BRIEF

ITEM ALSO DATEDILED RIO WHICH STATES THAT ACCORDING TO
NOGUEIRA BATISTA OF NUCLEBRAS BRAZIL PLANS TO SIGN
CONTRACTS WITH THE U.S. FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE REACTORS.
WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH GENERAL ATOMICS TO ASCERTAIN
WHETHER THIS IS A REFERENCE TO THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH
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